

THE API CONNECTION

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Citizen Summit IV



Elderly Asian Residents using translation headsets to be engaging participants.

The District of Columbia held its fourth Citizen Summit on Saturday, November 19, attracting more than 2,000 people to determine how our city could be more effective in "Lifting All Communities". Gathering at the Washington Convention Center for the day-long forum, participants discussed and voted on their priorities for how the District can best:

- ◆ Support growth and development of all youth;
- ◆ Expand jobs and employment prospects for all citizens;
- ◆ Rebuild a library system serving all citizens; and
- ◆ Create an integrated city through housing and economic development.

The Asian and Pacific Islander (API) residents came out in large numbers. API participants constituted 11% of the participant population at the forum, while the API population consisted only 3% of the District's general population according to Census 2000. API residents with limited-English proficiency sat at sixteen tables designated for Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese and Korean-speaking participants, they were provided with audio equipment for simultaneous interpretation, and along with API-speaking volunteer facilitators and note-takers. During the discussions, the participants' views were transmitted through a laptop by the note-taker to the "Theme Team", where the data was sorted and commonly shared ideas were instantane-



FYI Statistics!

Almost 54.7% of all Asian Americans live in the six metropolitan areas listed below:

(Metropolitan Area — Asian American Population)

1. **Los Angeles** — 1,799,000
2. **New York** — 1,343,000
3. **San Francisco** — 1,279,000
4. **Honolulu** — 566,000
5. **Washington, DC/ Baltimore** — 373,000
6. **Chicago** — 367,000

*1997-1998 State and Metropolitan Area Data Book published by the Census Bureau.

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Director's Message



Greg Chen
Executive Director

The Mayor's Citizen Summit IV held on November 19th attracted more than 200 API residents in DC. There were high school students, seniors, restaurant and hotel workers, parents, merchants and other residents all gathered at sixteen designated tables, and many were

wearing translation headphone sets and participating through the help of dozens of bilingual volunteers and facilitators. The API residents constituted 11% of the total number of participants at the forum, as compared to 3% of the general city population

(Census 2000).

What do these numbers mean? They illustrate that the API community members care as much about the state and the future of this city as any other resident. They want to learn about the process of civic involvement, listen to others, and share their own views once their language barriers are torn down. The fact that many spent the entire day there engaging in lively table discussions showed they were enthusiastically embracing this public forum of American democracy. Many volunteers also made personal goals to assist Asian residents in need and brought people together in unity and common purpose. With this public demonstration, the API community has truly become a vital part of this diverse and dynamic city.

Press Briefing

OAPIA recently hosted their second press briefing on November 7, 2005. Ethnic media journalists from the Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese community attended.

Mr. Greg Chen, the Executive Director, introduced three new staff members: Kongphanh Santivong as Community Development Coordinator, Lynne Chiao as the Staff Assistant and Ngoc Trinh as the Outreach Coordinator. By hiring these new employees, OAPIA nearly doubled its staff. With cultural diversity in catering to the Asian community, OAPIA staff members are able to communicate in eight Asian languages and dialects: Cantonese, Hindi, Korean, Lao, Mandarin, Tagalog, Taiwanese, and Vietnamese.

OAPIA announced the publications of the Resident Brochures which encompasses four issues including safety, housing, employment, and education. The brochures contain many useful instructions and contact phone numbers for the District residents. It will be translated into Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese for the Asian community with limited English proficiency.



Greg Chen (middle standing) unveiled OAPIA's future goals to ethnic medias.

Citizen Summit IV

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ously projected on the screen for every participant to see.

Citizen Summit IV is part of Mayor Williams' Neighborhood Action and Community Empowerment initiative to engage the public in the city's governance. Over the past six years, the Mayor has engaged more than 12,000 people in setting the city's priorities. As Mayor Williams said, "It's an inspiration to see so many District residents come together working towards a common goal. This summit was our best ever, and I look forward to using what we learned today to make our next budget even more responsive to our residents."

The Summit was a success because of the turnout of participants, but the event also would not have been a success without the tireless efforts of volunteers who helped out all day in registering, ushering, facilitating, note-taking, and other important tasks to ensure the forum ran



OAPIA Staff and Volunteers.

smoothly. To those volunteers, the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs thanks you.

District of Columbia Public School Meeting

On November 28, 2005, OAPIA facilitated a meeting between Asian Community Based Organizations (CBO) and the Superintendent of D.C. Public Schools (DCPS), Dr. Janey. Other individual organizations in attendance included the Commission on API Affairs (CAPIA), Multicultural Affairs, and The Office for Civil Rights Compliance.

The key issues centered on parent involvement, bullying and meaningful community partnerships. In summer 2005, OAPIA commissioned a report on Chinese Parent Involvement in DCPS. The report analyzed the current state of pa-

rental involvement and provided recommendations for increased parental support. The Superintendent discussed the Parent Resource Centers he plans to unveil in the first part of 2006. Sandy Dang, founder and director of Asian American LEAD, emphasized the importance of going beyond having a center, but connecting with parents through home visits and personal connections within the Asian community.

Bullying and Community partnerships were two other major concerns from the community. A recent article from the Washington Post cataloged an increased num-

ber of harassment cases and bullying in the New York City schools against Asian students and the increasing trend that is occurring across the nation today. Another main concern for the community is the lack of partnership opportunities between DCPS and API CBOs in funding or joint programs.

OAPIA conveyed the concept of a joint task force represented by CAPIA, OAPIA, DCPS, CBOs, a student, teacher, and parent which Dr. Janey agreed and will culminate in a press briefing during January.

Funding Alerts & Resources

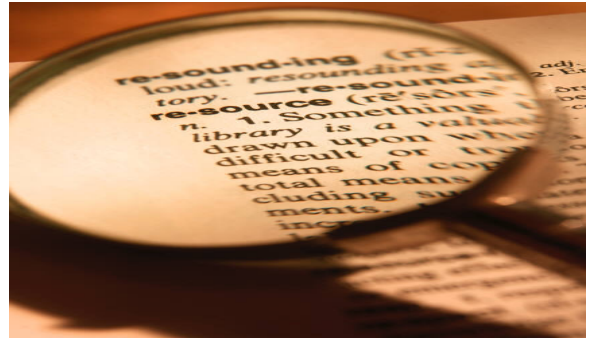
Afterschool Snack Program. *The District of Columbia State Education Office* provides cash reimbursements to organizations that serve snacks to children who attend their afterschool enrichment programs in low-income neighborhoods. To be eligible for reimbursement, afterschool care programs must meet the following criteria: provides children with regularly scheduled activities in an organized, structured and supervised environment; and includes educational or enrichment activities. For further information, contact the SEO at (202) 727-6437 or go to: <http://www.seo.dc.gov>, select Food & Nutrition.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC), and the Housing Production Trust Fund (HPTF). *Department of Housing and Community Development* announces funds for projects that focus on the following categories: elderly housing; special needs housing; preservation of housing affected by expiring federal subsidies; remove barriers to accessibility for persons with mobility or physical impairments new/substantial rehabilitation of housing (5 or more units); homeownership; and community facilities to serve low to moderate income persons. Eligible applicants include nonprofit, community-based organizations, and for-profit organizations other than small businesses. The deadline for applications is January 6, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. Approximately \$41,000,000 is available. The RFP and the reference guidebook can be obtained from DHCD, Development Finance Division, 801 North Capitol Street, NE, 2nd floor, Washington, DC 20002. For further information, contact Ray Slade at ray.slade@dc.gov; or go to: <http://dhcd.dc.gov/dhcd/cwp/view.a11.q.633713.dhcdNav.GID.1577.asp>. GrantID: GD825

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

Evaluation for Community-Based Organizations (CBO). *Economic Opportunity Studies* provides guidance, as well as a few examples of research-related support, to assist CBOs in using research to compete for resources. For further information, contact Jennifer Clark at (202) 628-4900 or jclark@opportunitystudies.org; or go to: <http://www.opportunitystudies.org/evaluation/>.

Free Color Printers. Xerox is offering high-speed Xerox color printers to eligible organizations. For further information, go to: <https://www.freecolorprinters.com/application/apply.cfm>.



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Free Grant Writing Tools. *Non-Profit Guides* offers web-based grant-writing tools for nonprofits, charitable, educational, public, and other community-minded groups and/or organizations. Guides are designed to assist organizations through the grant-writing process. For further information, go to: <http://www.npguides.org>.

FY 2006 Education and Technical Assistance Grants to End Violence Against Women With Disabilities. *Department of Justice* announces funds to provide education and technical assistance for the purpose of providing training, consultation, and information on domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault against women who are individuals with disabilities. Eligibility is unrestricted. The deadline for applications is January 25, 2006. Awards up to \$750,000 are available. For further information, contact GMS Helpdesk at (888) 549-9901 or helpdesk@ojp.usdoj.gov; or go to: <http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw/solicitationforapplicationfinal.pdf>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372. Please go to <http://www.opgd.dc.gov>, select "State Single Point of Contact" to comply. GrantID: GD834

Grant Support Organization. *The National Grants Partnership (NGP)* is a cooperative initiative among Federal officials, representatives of state, local and tribal governments; their executive branch grants offices; and nonprofit organizations. Its mission is to foster a partnership among state, local, and tribal government and nonprofit stakeholders and Federal grant-making agencies to improve effectiveness of use of grant funds and reduce burdens associated with grants administration. To accomplish this mission, the NGP is pursuing a number of specific projects and activities on behalf of - and providing leadership and support to - state, local and tribal governments and nonprofit organizations on issues relating to grants administration and management. The next meeting of the NGP will be December 7, 2005, 9:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m., at the U.S. Department of Education's Auditorium, 400 Maryland

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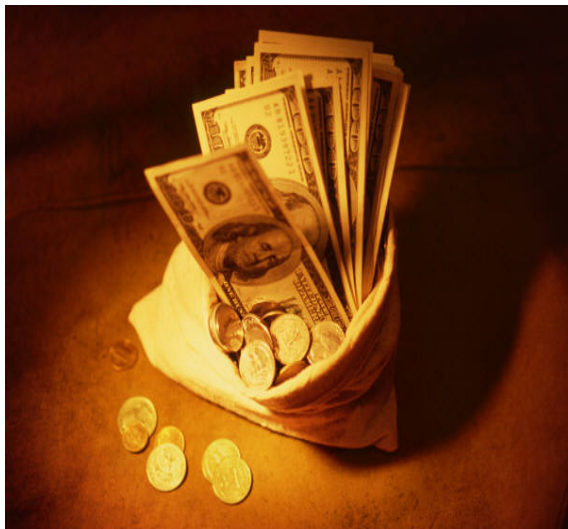
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Avenue, SW, Washington, DC. For admittance and security, ALL participants must register in advance by noon on December 5 at TheNGP@aol.com. For further information, contact NGP at TheNGP@aol.com; or go to: www.TheNGP.org.

Job Skills. Staples Foundation for Learning announces funds to support programs that provide job skills and/or education for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is January 2, 2006. For further information, go to: <http://www.staplesfoundation.org/foundapplication.html>. GrantID: GD830

Nonprofit Fundraising. December 14, 2005, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Class covers fundraising planning and creating a standard grant format. To RSVP, contact Katina Bolden at (202) 727-2241 or ebic@dc.gov.

The Washington Post 2006 Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management. The Center for Nonprofit Advancement is currently accepting applications to find the best in nonprofit management in the Washington metropolitan area. The winner will receive a \$5,000 cash grant, as well as a full scholarship to Georgetown University's Center for Public and Nonprofit Leadership Certificate Program. Four honorable mentions will be presented with a \$2,500 cash grant award. The deadline date is December 15, 2005. For further information, contact Susan Sanow at susans@nonprofitadvancement.org, or go to: www.nonprofitadvancement.org.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS BULLETIN provided by Foundation Center

Children and Youth

Moran Family Foundation Offers Support for At-Risk Children and Families in Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia. Tax-exempt organizations are eligible for grants to support innovative interventions that promote healthy mental, physical, and emotional development of at-risk children and families.

Deadline: Open / **Posted:** June 24, 2005

Starbucks Foundation Offers Funding for Youth Literacy Programs. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 and can be used to support qualifying organizations that work with underserved youth that integrate literacy with personal and civic action in the communities where they live, particularly in the arts and environment.

Deadline: September 1 and March 1, annually

Posted: July 29, 2005

Target Stores and the Tiger Woods Foundation Restructure Start Something Scholarship Program for Young People. The program is designed to help students identify their goals, and then to choose and prepare for an Action Project based on one of their goals.

Deadline: Various / **Posted:** February 18, 2003

For more information, please visit http://fdncenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_children.jhtml

Substance Abuse

American Legacy Foundation Accepting Applications for Small Innovative-Grants Program. Grants up to \$100,000, with potential for renewal, are available for projects that creatively approach prevention of smoking by young people or unequal access to tobacco prevention services, or both.

Deadline: February 15, 2006 (Letter of Intent)

Posted: November 3, 2005

For more information, please visit http://fdncenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_sub_abuse.jhtml

Women

Washington Area Women's Foundation Invites Proposals for Financial Literacy & Wealth Creation Fund.

Three new funds are intended to help low-income, women-headed families achieve economic stability and long-term prosperity.

Deadline: Various / **Posted:** January 21, 2005

For more information, please visit http://fdncenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_women.jhtml.

AALEAD - Mentoring Opportunity!

Asian American LEAD (AALEAD) seeks to promote the well-being of Asian American youth and families through education, leadership development, and community-building. We focus on the Vietnamese, Amerasian, and Chinese immigrant and refugee communities in Washington, DC.

We are seeking people who are culturally sensitive, caring, compassionate, patient and committed in serving as a role model and making a difference in a child's life. To be a mentor, there is a minimum one year commitment in which you meet with your mentee at least 3 times a month for at least two hours per meeting.

To find out more about our organization and our Mentoring Program and/or to sign up to participate, or attend our next matching meeting, please contact:

May Lee, 202.884.0270
Volunteer Coordinator
Asian American LEAD
1323 Girard Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
Email: mlee@aalead.org



AALEAD - Seeking Maryland Programs Manager!

In May 2005, AALEAD completed its five-year strategic plan. One part of this plan is to expand our services to Montgomery County, Maryland. AALEAD is seeking a Maryland Programs Coordinator who will be responsible for the start-up, day-to-day management and all programmatic development in Maryland. This position will report to the Executive Director and the Deputy Director of AALEAD.

How To Apply:
Please send or email cover letter and resume to:

Sandy Dang, Executive Director
Asian American LEAD
1323 Girard Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
Email: sdang@aalead.org

Start-up Responsibilities:

- ◆ Participate in, and coordinate, as appropriate, all aspects of the AALEAD's expansion into Maryland.
- ◆ Primary MD community liaison, responsible for ensuring site's responsiveness to community needs within AALEAD programming framework.
- ◆ Management of strategy implementation activities at the site level, monitoring staff compliance and identifying any changes to improve effectiveness.
- ◆ Represent the Executive Director at local and state meetings and events as assigned.

SALARY RANGE: Competitive salary commensurate with experience (1.0 FTE)

APALRC — Non-Profit Internship Positions Available

The Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC) seeks 1-2 part-time interns for the 2006 winter/spring semester. The successful candidates will work closely with the Executive Director, Development Associate and Board of Directors on efforts to expand and diversify the organization's funding base. The position is ideal for those individuals seeking a dynamic learning opportunity in nonprofit fundraising and marketing.

The internship positions can be developed to reflect the specific interests of the successful candidate.

The requirements are 10-15 hours per week commitment. Interested candidates should send or e-mail a cover letter and resume to:

Pauline Poh, Development Associate
Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center
1600 K Street, NW, Mezzanine Level
Washington, DC 20006
Email: pauline.poh@apalrc.org

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DVRP - Spring 2006 Advocates Program Internship

The Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP) is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 1995 in response to the lack of linguistically and culturally responsive services for Asian/Pacific Islander (A/PI) survivors of domestic violence in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. DVRP's mission is to address and prevent domestic violence in A/PI communities in the DC area. DVRP believes in providing culturally appropriate tools, support, and resources for women to make their own life choices. DVRP is a non-hierarchical organization structured around mutual respect, shared responsibility, trust and equality, and supported by a collaborative style of leadership.

Description of Internship

DVRP is currently searching for a part-time Spring intern for the Advocates Program. Recognizing that API survivors of domestic violence have a variety of needs in order to attain safety for themselves and their children, DVRP

advocates provide direct assistance on an individual level, with special consideration for cultural and linguistic needs. The intern will work closely with the Advocates Program Co-Director in performing the following duties.

- ◆ Assist in researching on best practices for domestic violence support groups.
- ◆ Assist in curriculum development for the support group.
- ◆ Update resources for the Advocates Program.
- ◆ Perform administrative tasks.

How To Apply

Applicants should be enrolled in a two-year or four-year college program, and be willing to commit to a minimum of 10hrs/wk, starting in mid-January through early-May. To apply, please submit your resume, cover letter, and one non-personal reference by 5:00PM on December 20, 2005 to intern@dvrp.org or fax (202) 986-9332.



DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

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E-mail: apia@dc.gov

AGENCY MISSION

The Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) was created in 1987 as part of Executive Office of the Mayor to address the needs of the District's Asian & Pacific Islander (API) residents. In October 2001, OAPIA became an independent agency. OAPIA's mission is to ensure that the full range of health, education, employment, social services and business information, programs and services is accessible to the District's API community.

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